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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 2006/88/EC of 24 October 2006 on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals[(1)], and in particular Article 22 and Article 61(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) On 29 March 2017, the United Kingdom submitted the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU). On 11 April 2019, the European Council adopted Decision (EU) 2019/584[(2)] extending the period under Article 50(3) TEU in agreement with the United Kingdom. In accordance with that Decision, the period provided for in Article 50(3) TEU has been further extended until 31 October 2019. Union law will therefore cease to apply to and in the United Kingdom from 1 November 2019 (‘the withdrawal date’).

(2) Annex III to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008[(3)] establishes a list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments authorised for the introduction into the Union of aquaculture animals.

(3) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has provided the necessary guarantees for that country and for its Crown Dependencies for certain commodities to comply with the conditions laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 for the introduction into the Union of consignments of aquaculture animals from the withdrawal date, by continuing to comply with Union legislation for an initial period of at least nine months.

(4) Therefore, taking into account these specific guarantees provided by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and in order to avoid any unnecessary disruption to trade after the withdrawal date, the United Kingdom and its Crown

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1758. (See end of Document for details)*

Dependencies should be included in the list of third countries, territories, zones or compartments set out in Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 authorised for the introduction into the Union of consignments of aquaculture animals.

(5) Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(6) This Regulation should apply from 1 November 2019, unless Union law continues to apply to and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on that date.

(7) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 November 2019.

However, it shall not apply if Union law continues to apply to and in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on that date.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 23 October 2019.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER